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BERND WILLING) GROUP NO.: 3651
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/195,005) EXAMINER: J. E. VALENZA
FILED: NOVEMBER 18, 1998) RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 24
TITLE: DEVICE FOR INSERTING AND)
REMOVING WORK STATIONS)
CIRCULATING ON A CHAIN)

AMENDMENT

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In response to the Final Office Action dated February 28, 2003, and the Examiner's Answer dated August 12, 2003, Applicants hereby submit a Request for Continued Examination and the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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Application Number	09/195,005
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First Named Inventor	Bernd Willing
Art Unit	3651
Examiner Name	J. E. Valenza
Attorney Docket Number	Mo4861/HE-146

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

a. ☐ Previously submittedi. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____iii. ☐ Other _____b. ☒ Enclosedi. ☒ Amendment/Replyiii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)iv. ☒ Other Letter _____

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2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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